

F
Patents
Chem. Res.

Dr. N. B. Rainer

January 20, 1971

William B. Cridlin, Jr.

Composition and Process for Absorption of HCN

I have just received your letter and am glad to see that you believe the invention is now in condition for filing a patent application. You made reference to the fact that the invention record was submitted a year ago (February 6, 1970). At the time you submitted the invention record, you had done a bare minimum of work on this subject and only had a generalized concept as to the breadth of the invention. As you should know from your experience in the patent field, support is essential for any patent application, and I told you at the time you submitted your invention record that more support would be needed for the filing of a good patent application. I had hoped you would keep me informed as to your progress in this area.

During September, 1970, I received interim report #292 setting forth your progress and developing this invention. This report, on Page 5, indicated that still further work was needed. This included determining the optimum copper/ligand ratio and the toxicology studies. I was not aware of your additional progress on this subject, but from your recent letter I assume that you now have most of the parameters on hand that are necessary to support a patent application.

I understand that this development is quite significant and we should proceed at this time to file a patent application. I will arrange to get together with you in the future to gather the material for preparation of the patent disclosure.

Along these lines, I might mention that we still have a number of your invention records which deal with a variety of subjects such as magnetic carbon and metal plating of cellulose as well as other variations on our microporous PVC technology. The information we have on each of these subjects is very limited and I have discussed with you the question of your preparation of more detailed disclosures on each of these subjects. You have done this on one or two of the invention records and the information has been developed and sent along to our law firm. I will continue to process the information on the remaining invention records as soon as you send me a written discussion and data on each of the remaining subjects. In view of the number of invention records that are outstanding, perhaps an evaluation should be made to determine whether we should file patent applications on all of these subjects.

WBC:d

CC: Dr. T. S. Osdene
Dr. R. M. Ikeda
Dr. P. A. Eichorn


William B. Cridlin, Jr.